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SUBJECT: YOUNG MEETS WITH SWEDISH FOREIGN MINISTER

1. AMB YOUNG MET WITH SWEDISH MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS KARIN SODER AT HER REQUEST PM JUNE 29. EXTREMELY CORDIAL MEETING WAS PRECEDED BY PHOTOGRAPHIC SESSION WITH SWEDISH PRESS. SODER WAS VERY ANXIOUS TO HEAR AMB YOUNG'S VIEWS ON VARIETY OF ISSUES, AND SO MEETING CONSISTED LARGELY OF AMB YOUNG ANSWERING HER QUESTIONS ON TOPICS RANGING FROM PRESENT SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA TO ROLE OF UN ON ECONOMIC AND ENERGY ISSUES. FON MIN SODER WAS EVIDENTLY QUITE PLEASED TO PARTICIPATE IN OPEN DISCUSSION WITH YOUNG.

2. DURING DISCUSSION OF NAMIBIA, YOUNG STATED HOPE THAT WESTERN FIVE EFFORTS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE PRODUCTIVE. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SWAPO'S DEPENDENCE ON SOVIETS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDING AND ASKED WHETHER SWEDEN COULD CONSIDER INCREASING ITS FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO SWAPO TO REDUCE THAT DEPENDENCE. US CLEARLY CANNOT FUND
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SWAPO BECAUSE OF PRESENT US EFFORTS ON NAMIBIA. SODER APPEARED RECEPTIVE TO IDEA BUT REMAINED NON-COMMITTAL. YOUNG FURTHER WONDERED WHETHER SOME MEANS MIGHT BE DEvised FOR SWEDEN TO CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TO SWAPO INSTEAD OF A SEPARATE CAUSE OR PROGRAM WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE US WOULD CONTRIBUTE A SIMILAR AMOUNT TO THAT OTHER CAUSE.

3. IN DISCUSSING UPCOMING-SWEDISH EFFORTS IN 32ND GA TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL BAN ON NEW INVESTMENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, YOUNG STATED THAT MAJOR PROBLEM WITH SUCH A BAN IS THE EFFECT WHICH IT WOULD HAVE ON BRITISH ECONOMY WHICH IS ALREADY WEAK. YOUNG SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH A BAN MIGHT BE MADE MORE PALATABLE IF CONTAINED SIX-MONTH RENEWAL CLAUSE.

4. AT CONCLUSION OF MEETING SODER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT YOUNG WOULD VISIT SWEDEN SOON. SHE PRESENTED YOUNG WITH A FORMAL INVITATION AND INDICATED THAT SWEDEN'S PERM REP THUNBORG WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH YOUNG TO TRY TO ARRANGE VISIT.
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